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The approved, undated draft of the National Economic Plan for the second six months of 1953, was prepared by the State Planning Commission in East Berlin, and contained information on the production and distribution of vital products. The 1953 National Economic Plan had been rescinded on 30 June 1953, and new plan quota figures for the most vital products had been rather hastily determined on and after 1 July, because the Coordination and Control Office of Minister Heinrich Rau had demanded that the planning be made, so that the industrial branches and enterprises would receive their production plans not later than 15 July. In addition to the production planned for the second six months of 1953, the plan also included consumer categories, broken down into German consumption, reparations and GSOV, and indicating the amount of production to be made available to them. Figures for German consumption did not include those for exports, KVP and state Reserve stocks. The supply to the GSOV was not definitely determined and will be made upon requisition by the GSOV. Since the quantities allotted for German consumption also contained materials used for reparation items and export goods, such as rolled steel, copper and lead, steel dead-mold castings, gray-cast iron forged and pressed pieces, and perlön, these figures allow no definite conclusions as to what quantities will actually be available to East Germany as a result of the New Course.¹

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1. Comment: If the plan figures for the second six months of 1953, which, represent the new figures determined on the basis of the New Course, are doubled and are compared with the plan figures announced at the beginning of 1953, the situation for basic industries would be as follows:

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Product	Plan Figure Determined in Early 1953	Plan Figure Giving Double the Production for the Second Six Months	Difference as Compared with the Planning in Early 1953
Electric energy	22.986 billion Kwh	23.740 billion Kwh	+ 754 million Kwh
Hard coal	3.275 million tons	3.070 million tons	- 205,000 tons
Industrial coke	960,000 tons	940,000 tons	- 20,000 tons
Raw lignite	176.3 million tons	171.48 million tons	- 4.82 million tons
Brown coal briquettes	26.73 million tons	53.48 million tons	+26.75 million tons
Pig iron	1.26 million tons	1 million tons	- 260,000 tons
Raw steel	2.185 million tons	2.170 million tons	- 15,000 tons
Rolled steel	1.673 million tons	1.620 million tons	- 53,000 tons

If correct, the present report would indicate that the production of the basic industries would not be changed fundamentally in 1953 as a result of the New Course. Worth noting is the extensive increase in the production of brown coal briquettes.

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